

Reparative outcomes for children

Successful outcomes for children subjected to abuse are achieved when children:

- Engage in opportunities to experience, tolerate, express, regulate and integrate feelings
- Can make meaning of their experience
- Are able to describe their experiences of abuse and accurately attribute responsibility to those who may have caused them harm – so they do not feel they are to blame
- Express greater confidence in their relationship with a supportive parents/carer's and/or significant others
- Experience a reduction in their trauma symptoms
- Feel supported to re-activate their physical, psychological, emotional and social development
- Define a network of supports which will continue to resource them in an ongoing way
- Parents are able to positively shape children's identity and awareness
- Children are able to find and experience safety in family relationships
- Parents can create a supportive empathic climate for children to live in
- Parents understand sources of their child's behavior

Can you think of any other indicators of success to add to this list?

